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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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<i>Group:</i>	3773	}
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<i>Application No.:</i>	10/758,372	}
<i>Invention:</i>	<b>SOFT TISSUE LOCKING DEVICE</b>	}
<i>Inventor:</i>	Herbert E. Schwartz et al.	}
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2009, Applicants respectfully request an extension of time to file this response. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the three-month extension of time fee (\$1,110.00) to extend the time for filing a response from April 27, 2009 to July 27, 2009 to Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to our matter 26502-73682. Please consider the following:

**Remarks**, which begin on page 2 of this paper.